

### Amendments to Abstract:

#### ABSTRACT

~~In order to improve a~~ A starting device (100) is provided for at least one an internal combustion engine, in particular a pull-rope type starting device for at least one a two-stroke or four-stroke motor, ~~which comprises at least one~~  
The starting device includes a pulley or rope drum (4) which is rotatably held in at least one a housing (1), ~~wherein said starting device, for generating and~~ generates the drive torque for the a motor shaft by means of at least one handle (10), in particular by means of at least one a starter handle or pull handle, ~~The starting device~~ is rotatable by way of at least one a load transfer means (9), in particular by way of at least one a starter rope or pull-rope, and by way of at least one an elastic coupling element (6), in particular by way of at least one a spiral spring, ~~is connected to at least one engaging element~~ (5), in particular to at least one A ratchet-type engaging element is provided, by means of which the drive torque can be transmitted to the motor shaft, such that not only is overloading of the elastic coupling element (6) prevented in a safe and reliable manner, but also, even if the elastic coupling element (6) should break, the starting device (100) still functions, and the internal combustion engine can still be started, ~~it is proposed that the~~ The angle of rotation by which the engaging element (5) can be rotated by exerting a load on the elastic coupling element (6) in relation to the pulley or rope drum (4) is limitable to at least one definable maximum angular value.

Fig. 3